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Senate

The Senate met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable MARK L. PRYOR, a Senator from the State of Arkansas.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

God of Glory, let Your mercies draw us to You. Wean us from all evil and make us servants who live worthy of Your love. Energize our Senators for today's challenges, enabling them to mount up on eagle's wings, soaring high for Your glory. Help them to be devoted, confident, and obedient laborers for You. Lord, fill them with Your grace so that their lives will be like fountains of living water. We pray in Your great Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable MARK L. PRYOR led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, April 27, 2010.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable MARK L. PRYOR, a Senator from the State of Arkansas, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,
President pro tempore.

Mr. PRYOR thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

TRIBUTE TO OFFICER IAN DEUTCH

Mr. REID. Mr. President, 60 miles outside Las Vegas is a rural community called Pahrump. It originally had a series of artesian wells, had lots of water, and for many years they farmed cotton. But it has now become a retirement and business community with golf courses there. It is a beautiful community less than an hour from Las Vegas.

Last night a man who had just returned from Afghanistan—his name is Ian Deutch. It was his second day on the job as a police officer. He was murdered by a man who had a domestic dispute with a woman, and he was proceeding to a place of business with lots and lots of people when he shot Officer Deutch.

The officer who was with him, Thomas Klenczar, killed the gunman saving untold lives. This is a tragic story. The slain man had a teenage child, a 7-year-old, and just returned, as I have indicated, from Afghanistan in our military. It was his second day on the job—not killed in Afghanistan, not wounded in Afghanistan, killed in Pahrump, NV.

This is the way peace officers find themselves all over America every day protecting us from these criminals and crazed people. I express my condolences to the entire Nye County Sheriff's Department and especially to Sheriff Anthony DeMeo and especially to the family of Ian Deutch.

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, today following leader remarks, there will be a period of morning business for 1 hour. During that period of time Senators will be permitted to speak therein for

up to 10 minutes each. The first 30 minutes will be controlled by the majority. The Republicans will control the final 30 minutes.

Following morning business, we will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to the Wall Street reform legislation.

OBSTRUCTIONISM

Mr. REID. Mr. President, part of our required reading, as I was going through college, was to read George Orwell's book, "1984," which was looking into the future. Of course, looking at 1984 now, it is looking in the rearview mirror. But when I was in school we looked at "1984." It was George Orwell's classic book.

The main focus of the book is how societies would be in the years to come, in 1984. It appears he was fairly prophetic because one of the things that George Orwell talked about is that there would come a time when people would stand and talk, and whatever they said, the direct opposite would be true. That is what we have going on from my friends on the Republican side of the aisle as it deals with Wall Street reform, as it deals with what we have been doing legislatively.

We have a situation where people sometimes forget where we were. Let's talk about where we were for just a short time. During the 8 years of the Clinton administration, 24 million new jobs were created. During that period of time, we were paying down the national debt. We were being criticized for paying it down too fast, too quickly.

Now comes 8 years of George Bush. Let's remember where we were. Privatization of Social Security was the cry of the Bush administration. Then we had a war of choice—and, by the way, there is a new book out by Evan Thomas of Newsweek. He talks about the rush to war, and I heard him interviewed.

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